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CEIRIOG RURAL DISTRICT

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

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including

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

R. W. AUBREY, A.R.S.I. M.S.I.A.

for the

YEAR ENDED THE 31st. DECEMBER 1950.

DEIRIOG RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,
CHIRK,
Nr. Wrexham.

15th. October, 1951.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

"The old order changeth yielding place to the New", and the time is rapidly approaching when we must relinguish our part time appointments as your joint Medical Officers of Health, to a whole time official, and so this will be our last annual report on the health and physical well being of your district.

There is a certain sadness in this 'Swan Song', one of us was appointed Medical Officer of Health to the old Chirk Rural District Council in 1921, having attended your meetings as deputy to your first Medical Officer of Health, the late John Danial Lloyd, for several months before his death, and so saw the beginning of the first housing estate erected by the Rural District Council in Rhosywaen.

During the 30 years which has passed so quickly our district has taken its full share in the development of the welfare state as we know it today. Immediately after the 1914-18 war you built 172 houses, while since the end of the second world war you have completed no less than 400 houses. This was only made possible by the foresight of the Council in the year 1937, by bringing water down the valley from Pandy at a cost of £17,000.

The building of these houses all with a piped water supply and baths necessitates the provision of adequate sewage works , and it is most pleasing to be able to report that every village in your area now has, or there is in contract efficient sewage disposal works, while the scavenging of all the populace part of your district is now undertaken by the Council. All this means a very considerable expenditure of money, made possible by various acts of Parliament, amounting to over £650,000.

During this period the planning and supervision of the work has been under two surveyors, R. J. James who succeded Green Davies in 1921, and R.W. Aubrey, who came to us in 1930, and who has been responsible for the entire planning and execution of the Pandy and Pentrefelin Water Schemes, as well as the layout of all your housing sites throughout the Rural District and we cannot let this opportunity pass without saying how very deeply in Mr. Aubrey's debt we consider the Ceiriog Rural District to be.

In 1921, the Chirk and District Cottage Hospital was opened and was able to serve the community faithfully and well, until it became state owned in July 1948, and it is a great source of satisfaction that its work is carried on and advanced under the National Health Act of 1946.

This is a very brief resume' of the past, but in laying down our Stewardship we feel we can claim that the last 30 years are not years that the locusts have eaten, and that the district is to be congratulated on having always had a Council fully alive to its duty as the guardians to the Public health and well being of the community it serves.

'Public Health' has now become a vast and specialised subject and one demanding a whole time service in the populous areas, but we sometimes wonder whether the small Rural Districts will not loose something of the personal and human touch in disposing of the General Medical Practitioner part-time Medical Officer of Health, who had an intimate knowledge of his district and its inhabitants.

Neverthe less we take our leave by thanking the Council for its unfailing kindnexx and forbearance of our many shortcomings and our deep gratitude to your learned Clerk - Mr. Richards, your Surveyor Mr. Aubrey, and all your officials and in expressing our confidence that the future will hold out prospects of increasing advancement.

HOUSING CONTRACTS PROGRESS

1. Llanrhaiadr, Oswestry - 12 Traditional Non-Parlour Type completed.

2. Glynceiriog - Good Progress has been made on the 4 Traditional Non-Parlour Type and 4 Duplex Type houses.

3. Pontfadog - Plans approved and Tenders accepted for 14 Traditional Non-Parlour Type and 2 Parlour Type houses.

PRIVATE HOUSES - Three bungalows completed at Chirk.
One house completed at Chirk.
One Pair of Shops with living accomodation completed at Chirk.
One house completed at Glynceiriog.

One bungalow commenced at Chirk.
Two houses commenced at Llanrhaiadr.

WATER SUPPLY - PENTREFELIN

There has been considerable delay on this scheme due to liquidation of Contractors (The Milestone Construction Co.Ltd. Part of the works has been completed by a local contractor on a time and materials basis and part of work advertised. Work on the scheme is now well in hand by contractor (Mr. R.A. Davies, Birmingham).

BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

Public Supplies Class 1.	1
Below Standard	3

PRIVATE SUPPLIES

Seven samples examined, three were satisfactory and four unsatisfactory.

The following statement shows particulars of the number of dwelling houses and the number of population supplied from Public Water Mains:-

Year 1950 Parish.	No. of Houses	Direct to House No.	Direct to House Percentage	Stand Pipes No.	Stand Pipes Percentage
Chirk	1024	959	93.3%		
Glyn Traian	282	139	49.3%		
Glynceiriog	314	243	77.3%		
Llancadwaladr	43	29	67.44%		
Llanarmon D.C.	59	26	44%	7	12%
Llansilin	297	81	27.27%	17	5%
Llangedwyn	45	26	46.66%		
Llanarmon M.M.	20	14	70%		
Llanrhaiadr	323	197	61%	12	4.37%

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SCAVENGING

This has been carried out in a satisfactory manner in all areas.

COST

Regional Scheme	£1817. 7. 6.
Llansilin	£ 237. 13. 8.
Llanrhaiadr (paid by Llanfyllin R.D.C.)	£ 76. 5. 9.

SALVAGE

Materials	Weight	Proceeds of Sale
Waste Paper	5 Ton 10½ cwts.	£27. 1. 10.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

The following inspections have been carried out during the year.

Houses	230
Houses visited	161
Water Works	260
Sewage Works	166
Complaints	52
Nuisances	41
" revisited	21
Infectious Diseases	4
Rooms Disinfected	4
Various inspections	427
New Buildings	219
Total No. of Inspections	1325

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes as to health (including inspections by Sanitary Inspector)

Premises.	M/c Line No.	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted	M/c line No.
Factories in which Section 1.2.3.4 &6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1.	46	22	3	NIL	1
Factories not included (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2.	Nil	-	-	Nil	2
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3.	4	-	-	-	3
Total		50	22	3	-	

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	M/c line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.	M/c line No.
		Found.	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	4	3	3	-	-	-	4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5	Nil	-	-	-	-	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6	Nil	-	-	-	-	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7	Nil	-	-	-	-	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8	Nil	-	-	-	-	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)(a) insufficient	9	Nil	-	-	-	-	9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	Nil	-	-	-	-	10
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	Nil	-	-	-	-	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork.	12	Nil	-	-	-	-	12
Total	60	3	3	-	-	-	60

OUTWORK - PART V111 OF THE ACT - Sections 110 and 111 - NIL.

FOOD.

Carcases Inspected and condemned

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs
Number killed if known.	-	-	-	-	-
Number inspected	-	2	-	-	4
All diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned-		-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned -		-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-

No Slaughter House in area.

FOOD STUFFS CONDEMNED

Bacon.	Meat	Salmon.	Tinned Milk.	Canned Meat.	Tinned Fish & Fowl
32½ lbs.	196 lbs.	nil	53 tins.	44 lbs.	9 lbs.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

It is gratifying to be able to report that your area has again been free from any serious epidemic.

Diphtheria	0
Scarlet Fever	3
Measles	47
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Non " "	0
Pneumonia	2
Whooping Cough	2
Puerperal Fever	0
Para Typhoid	0
Infantile Paralysis	2
Food Poisoning	0

VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated Population - 7490

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	64	67	111
Illegitimate	5	4	9
Total	69	71	120

STILL BIRTHS			
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	1	2	3

Birth Rate per 1000

" " " " of Population 16.03

" " " " Whole Country 15.8

Death of Infants under 1 year

	1949- 1950 Male	1949-1950 Female	Total
Legitimate	3	6	9
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Rate per 1000 live births 7.5

" " " Whole Country 29.8

Death of Infants under 4 weeks Legitimate.	2	4	6

DEATHS	Male 1949	Male 1950	Female 1949	Female 1950	Total 1949	Total 1950
	58	59	58	50	116	109

Death Rate per 1000 of population - 15.7 (1949) 14.7 (1950)

" " " " Whole Country 11.7 (1949) 11.6 (1950)

CAUSES OF DEATH

	1949.	1950
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	0
" other forms	0	1
Cancer of Stomach & Duedenum	3	3
" of all other sites	7	10
Cancer of Breast	1	1
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	22	18
Heart Diseases	44	36
Bronchitis	4	7
Pneumonia	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	1
Other digestive diseases	2	0
" Respiratory diseases	1	3
Appendicitis	1	0
Congenital malformations	1	2
Road Traffic Accidents	2	0
Other violent causes	5	0
Suicide	2	2
Influenza	3	2
Nephritis	1	0
Premature Births	1	0
Diseases of circulatory system	8	2
Acute Infantile Encaphalitis	0	0
Diabetes	1	1
Syphilitic Diseases	0	0
All other causes	2	19
Total	116	109

TUBERCULOSIS		Cases at 31. 12. 49.	New Cases 1950	Cases Removed.	Cases at 31. 12. 50
Pulmonary -	Male	44	0	1	43
	Female	36	1	3	34
Non-Pulmonary -	Male	14	0	1	13
	Female	7	1	0	8

MILK & DAIRIES ORDER 1926

Under the Food & Drugs (Milk & Dairies) Act 1949, this work has been transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture.

HOUSING REPAIRS ACCOUNT

The following tables show the value of the work carried out during 1950, in connection with the maintenance of the Council's Housing Estates:-

No. of Houses	To credit repairs A/C	To debit repairs A/C	Average Cost per house
551	£4162. 14. 3	£3200. 0. 6.	£5. 16. 1.

PLANS OF NEW BUILDINGS

Submitted.	Approved	Not approved	Carried Out
Alterations and additions to buildings.	24	2	17

Number of New Buildings in Progress at 31/12/50 4

GENERAL

In conclusion we would again express our thanks to you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, as well as to our fellow Officials for the ever ready help shown us at all times.

We are Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen

Your obedient servants,

CHARLES E. SALT.

JOHN H. CHINTY.

Medical Officers of Health.